

Earth Day 2006

News Release

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RHODE ISLANDERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

Several Scheduled for April 22nd in Newport County

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management and the Earth Day Rhode Island Committee encourage all Rhode Islanders to roll up their sleeves and join a neighborhood cleanup in celebration of Earth Day 2006. More than 100 cleanups are planned throughout the state during April. Cleanups scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in Newport County include:

- ♦ **Jamestown** - Meet: Jamestown Rec Center/Town Green at 8:30am. For more information contact Thomas Johnson 423-2044 or tom.c.johnson@tycohealthcare.com. Sponsored by the Jamestown Conservation Commission.
- ♦ **Newport** - Meet: Ballard Park at 10am. For more information contact Sarah Kelly 341-2440 or sarahbkelly@salve.edu. Sponsored by Salve Regina University.
- ♦ **Newport** - Meet: King Park Beach - Wellington Ave. at 10am. For more information contact Julia Forgue 846-5600 or jforgue@cityofnewport.com. Sponsored by Newport Public Works Dept.
- ♦ **Portsmouth** - Meet: CFP Community Hall, Anthony Rd at 8am. For more information contact Brenda Whalen 682-2626 or bwhalenmunro@court.state.ri.us. Sponsored by Common Fence Point Improvement Association.
- ♦ **Tiverton** - Meet: Essex Library. Times vary. For more information contact Ganilla Da Ponte 624-7492. Sponsored by the Tiverton Garden Club.
- ♦ **Tiverton** - Meet: Tiverton Highway Department Facility 10am. For more information contact Peter Moniz 625-5328 or pmoniz@prodigy.net. Sponsored by the Tiverton Tree Commission.

The Earth Day Rhode Island Committee will host Rhode Island's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-5pm at the Warwick Mall. Free Transportation to the Earth Day Festival from Kennedy Plaza to Warwick Mall on RIPTA routes 22 & 30. Ask for you free ride Earth Day sticker at the Kennedy Plaza Information Booth while supplies last. Spend the day with environmental organizations focused on a wide range of global and local conservation issues and learn how to practice environmental stewardship in your own backyard to positively impact the earth. There will be informative displays and hands-on exhibits, free give-a-ways and family entertainment – featuring an appearance by Ponaganset High School Fuel Cell Powered Band - Protium, free give-a-ways, Big Nazo characters and more. Meet NBC 10 Meteorologist Dylan Dryer at 10:30 am.

Earth Day in Rhode Island is coordinated by Earth Day RI and DEM. Co-sponsors include Warwick Rhode Island, NBC 10, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Verizon, TransCanada's Ocean State Power facility, Amgen, American Power Conversion, CVS Pharmacy, Waste Xpress, AAA of Southern New England, and RI State Energy Office.

Earth Day RI supports and promotes year round environmental education and awareness in the Ocean

State. The organization encourages Rhode Islanders to raise their environmental consciousness by committing to "Take 3" steps to improve their environment. "Take 3" is a call to action which suggests dozens of ways to save energy, conserve water, reduce waste and respect nature. For further information about Take 3 and other Earth Day RI-sponsored programs and activities, please visit www.earthdayri.org.